

Entertainment

Winter Carnival crammed into one fun-filled February day

Get set for the carnival. This year you'll find all of the excitement packed into one fun-filled day at (and on) the Mill Pond.

Mark Sunday, Feb. 11 on your calendar for the Milton Winter Carnival. Although the Town of Milton sponsors this annual event, there wouldn't be a carnival without the assistance and participation of many individuals and organizations.

Part of the opening ceremonies at noon will be the crowning of the carnival prince and princess. The contest — open to all 5-10 year-olds — is organized by Milton Mall administration. Applications, available from the mall office or the leisure services department at Town Hall, should be returned to the mall by January 30.

Interviews for the contestants will be scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 3 and the final selection will be announced at the mall on Monday, Feb. 5. The winners will receive plaques from the

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mall merchants and the mall administration will be giving them \$50 gift certificates (for shopping in the mall). Runners-up will receive \$20 gift certificates.

Don't feed your children before taking them to the carnival. That way they'll jump right into the donut and ice cream eating contests. They can also try to connect hammer with nail in the nail-driving contest. They'll be able to race to the finish on snowshoes or pull a toboggan as fast as they can. The Centre is setting up an obstacle race and Mayberry Riding Stables will saddle up their ponies.

Through the afternoon, Mother Goose will pop in. Her puppets will be performing their stories in the Rotary Park Centre at 3:30 p.m. This show is geared toward children under seven years of age.

Keep in mind that Big Sisters will be holding a hat contest. Your hat could be the biggest, the largest, the most colourful, the best winter theme, or the most suited for Mayor Krantz. Now that's a challenge for you!

If you hear that call of the wild, you'll want to look closely at the 6th Milton Boy Scouts' survival display, the ice fishing demonstration and the live owls brought for the day from Mountsberg Wildlife Centre.

Sharpen your skates for some good, old-fashioned, family skating on the Mill Pond. Then head over to the Big Brothers booth for apple cider and cookies.

Watch this newspaper for the schedule of events for the carnival.

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Hollywood Beat

with DAVID GIAMMARCO

Matt Dillon relishes role

Actor Matt Dillon, who was in Toronto recently for his new film *Drugstore Cowboy*, projects an incredibly energized persona, even when he's sitting still in the most calm, passive state.

He possesses a genuinely pleasant and charming aura, yet all the while maintains a very elusive edge — especially in interviews.

Drugstore Cowboy sees Dillon playing a surprisingly vivacious drug addict. It's a powerful and stylish story of a junkie's life of crime and redemption in the 1970s.

In a highly striking and sometimes amusing picture of the ups and downs of a drug addict's perception of the world, Dillon relished the part as a break in his usual tough-guy characters.

"It's more challenging as an actor to do something like that," Dillon says about *Drugstore Cowboy*. "It's something where people appreciate you branching out and doing something risky."

Drugstore Cowboy is based on a novel written by an actual drug addict, James Fogel, who is currently serving a 10-year prison term for his similar drugstore robberies.

"I liked it because it was very unique and very personal — based on personal experiences," reflects Dillon on his admiration for the script. "It wasn't just some screenwriter who decided one day to write a movie about drug addicts."

In researching his part, Dillon travelled around drug-infested parts of cities, even going to Harlem with a friend who was a recovering addict.

"But I'm not going to pretend like I had to do a lot of research because I know people who were drug addicts," admits Dillon. "I had a friend who overdosed when he was in high school."

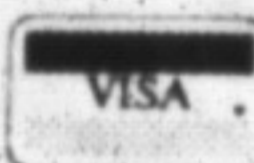
And after critically acclaimed roles in such recent films as *The Flamingo Kid* and *The Big Town* and onstage in *The Boys Of Winter*, Dillon found this part in *Drugstore Cowboy* the most difficult.

"The toughest part was actually having to go inside myself and find that obsessive/compulsive part of me. Actually, it was tougher when we were researching the film because I found I got really obsessive and was constantly thinking about the film."

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